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ILA-ACRL Executive Board Minutes
October 23, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
ILA Fall Conference – Room Taft A

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Present: Dan Chibnall – President (Grandview University), Anne Marie Gruber – President-Elect (University of Dubuque), Andi Beckendorf – Secretary/Treasurer (Luther College), Julia Dickinson (St. Ambrose University), Liz Kiscaden (University of Iowa), Chris Neuhaus (University of Northern Iowa), James O’Gorman (St. Ambrose University), Amy Paulus (University of Iowa), Leila Rod-Welch (University of Northern Iowa), Sara Scheib (University of Iowa)

Absent: Carrie Dunham-LaGree (Drake University), Ryan Gjerde (Luther College), , Ericka Raber (University of Iowa), Pam Rees (Grandview University), Jennifer Sterling (William Penn University)

Approval of Executive Board minutes from September 30, 2014 Executive Board Meeting

It was noted that it should say “minutes” instead of “agenda” at the top. Minutes moved by Scheib, seconded by Dickinson; approved.

Treasurer’s Report

The October 1 balance is \$3979.55, and the Sept. 1 balance was \$4042.55. Our Leadership Institute contribution was \$200. The conference registration for our conference scholarship winner (Grigsby) was \$206. Amy sent in something to be reimbursed for awards; the office has not taken care of that or the marketing award from last year. There will be a more expansive report at the business meeting this afternoon

Committee and Representative Reports

Spring Conference (Kiscaden)

Liz proposed the tentative date of March 20, 2015 for the spring conference; according to the feedback from last spring, there was desire to do something during the University of Iowa’s spring break so that SLIS students can attend. The Spring Conference Planning Committee cannot go forward until the date has been approved by the board. It was noted that national ACRL is the following week; Ryan had provided (via email) the executive board with a historical look at dates of our spring conference. It is possible to approve the date and then change it later, which would allow the conference planning to commence. IPAL has liked the pairing; Liz reported that IPAL was ready to propose March 19, though there was some discussion about whether that date was correct. Julia suggested talking with Paul Waelchli and others, as weather is a concern, people might be on spring break, and concern about too many days off if people are going to ACRL the following week. The potential locations

(Central, Drake) are both free of cost and have been held. There was discussion of how many people can afford to go to Portland; someone made the observation that there has been no correlation with dates and attendance in the past (information provided by Ryan). ILA would need to approve the date we choose, and ILA-ACRL cannot heavily advertise until the date is approved. Since the date would be so much earlier, it would be to our benefit to proceed so there is time to get proposals. There was discussion of taking a poll at the afternoon business meeting and the possibility of SLIS students boosting the membership through their availability to attend. There are venue issues for late May and early June unless we want to pay. Neuhaus moved approval of the March 20 date for the spring conference, seconded by Gruber; approved. The date will be shared with the membership at the afternoon meeting.

Awards (Paulus)

Amy reported that the recognitions will be done at the business meeting: Jeff Kushkowski (research award), Alysia Grigsby (conference scholarship), and the legacy awards. Amy indicated she would like to get a group photo, and Sara volunteered to take care of that; Dan will sign the recognitions.

Electronic Communications (Scheib)

Sara reported that we are up to 102 members on Facebook, and there are 141 Twitter followers. Dan is helping out with Twitter; trying to increase activity and engagement on accounts by telling members they must post to at least one of the accounts once a week, and Executive Board members are welcome to post as well (Sara can share the login). Sara is working with Duncan and some SLIS students to establish a student round table; they have enough members and will go through the formal process with the Executive Board.

Fall Program (Dickinson)

We are here! If the framework passes, maybe we could get Kara Malefant next year. The board thanked Julia for putting together the fall program.

Membership (Neuhaus)

Chris reported that we are about where we have always been, with 149 members. He is working on the ambassadors. There was a recommendation to consider SLIS and University of Northern Iowa students as well. Nominees will be sent to Anne Marie.

If you know of someone who needs to join, please encourage them to join. There is a concern about cost, especially for those who are members of other organizations. There is concern across ILA about loss of members based on this issue.

There was discussion of the library summit that was held on October 9, which was an effort to consider closer working ties. That might be an opportunity to encourage folks to join and be involved; some of the mechanisms to make this work happen are already in place.

If everything is free, we are not sustaining our own organization. There was discussion about the value of the association and not the cost. Anne Marie has some documentation that she can continue to work on regarding a values statement.

Newsletter (Rod-Welch)

Leila reported that many members do not respond to the emails asking for newsletter information, and she is not sure that we are reaching all of the institutions that we need to reach. She has tried to call and indicated that much time is being spent trying to communicate with members. Leila will be in contact with Dan and Anne Marie to try to figure out next steps.

Nominating (Gruber)

Anne Marie indicated she has one opening remaining, and will ask for interested parties at the business meeting. At the afternoon meeting, the candidates and committee chairs will be introduced. Electronic voting is set up and the email regarding the ballot will go out on Monday morning. Voting will close on Oct. 3. By her count, 61 people are needed to make the organization run.

K12/Higher Ed Ad Hoc Committee (Rees)

Pam sent an email update. Contact is needed with IASL and AEAs. She would like a professional development committee instead of just one liaison.

ACRL Government Relations Representative (O’Gorman)

James reported that the only change is Oct. 7 FCC net neutrality, and hoped that the deadline would be soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m. in order to allow the next presenter to get set up in the room. The remaining items on the agenda (ACRL Chapter Council Representative; Old Business (Future of the K-12/Higher Ed Committee – PR/PD committee or restructure? And Campus Ambassador Initiative); New Business (Regional Social Events for the Chapter); and Announcements (Reminder of ILA Planning Meeting Nov. 7)) were not covered in the Executive Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Andi Beckendorf
ILA-ACRL Secretary-Treasurer